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WHO IS  
ENERJAK?



STEP ON IT, TAILS.  
WE NEED TO GET TO  
ANGEL ISLAND AND  
FIND KNUCKLES--

--BEFORE  
**ENERJAK**  
DOES!

# ENERJAK: REBORN

## CHAPTER ONE: RISING EVIL

SONIC? TAILS?  
THIS IS  
NICOLE IN NEW  
MOBOTROPOLIS...

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...I'LL BE  
MONITORING  
YOU TWO  
FROM HERE.  
GOOD LUCK.

DOWNUNDA  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS,  
DO YOU  
COPY?

SOMETHING  
IS SCRAMBLING  
EVERYTHING I  
SENT OUT.

MONKEY  
KHAN,  
DO YOU  
COPY?

IT HAS TO BE  
ENERJAK! DID  
YOU NOT NOTICE THAT  
ANGEL ISLAND IS  
FLOATING RIGHT  
TOWARDS US? IF  
YOU'D ONLY ACTED  
AS SOON AS I--

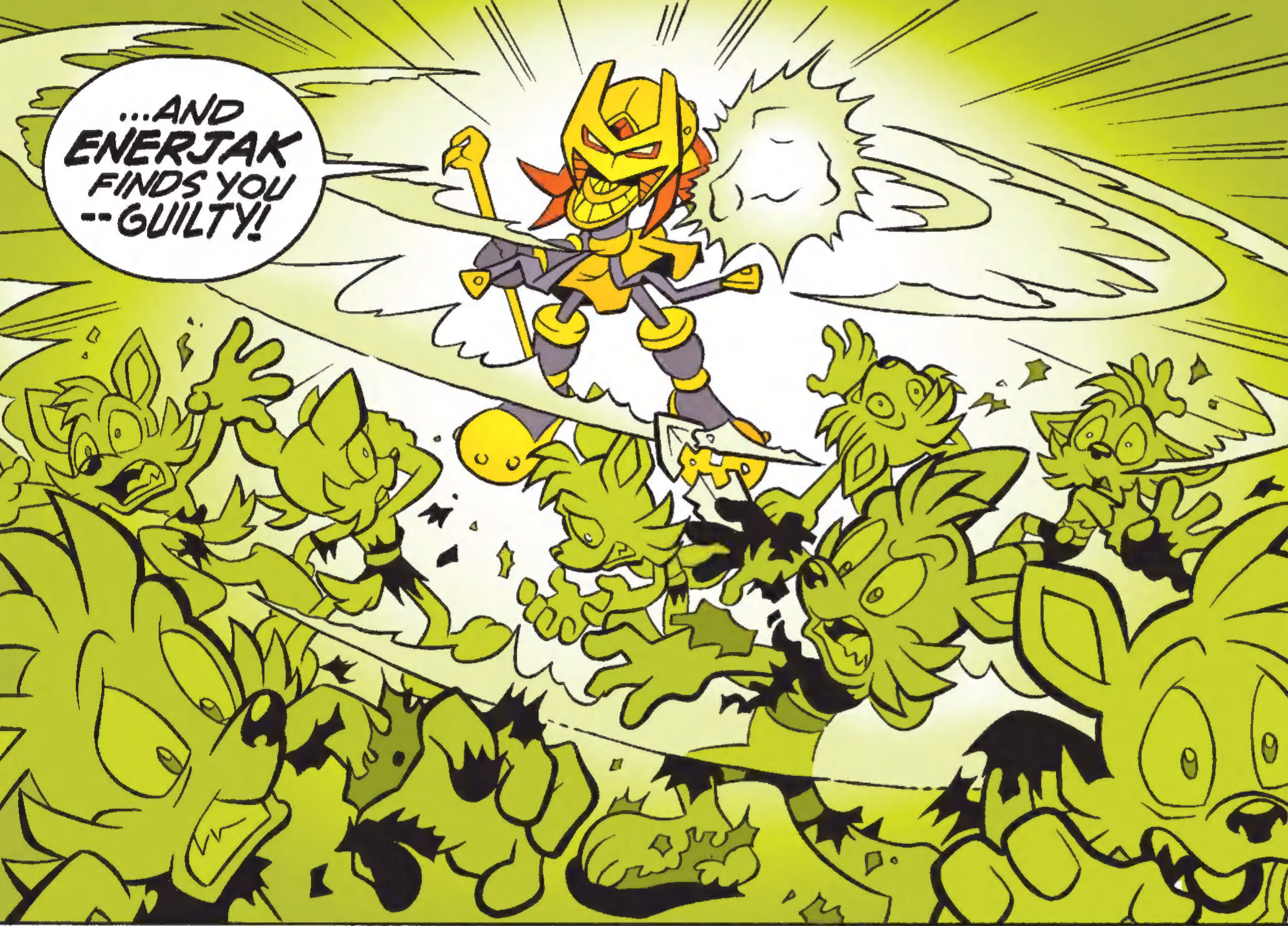
WE WILL  
BE WELL-  
PREPARED  
FOR HIM,  
DIMITRI. THE  
PROBE I SENT  
TO ANGEL  
ISLAND HAS  
ARRIVED.

BEGINNING  
LIVE FEED NOW.  
JULIE-SU, CAN YOU  
TELL US WHAT WE'RE  
SEEING?

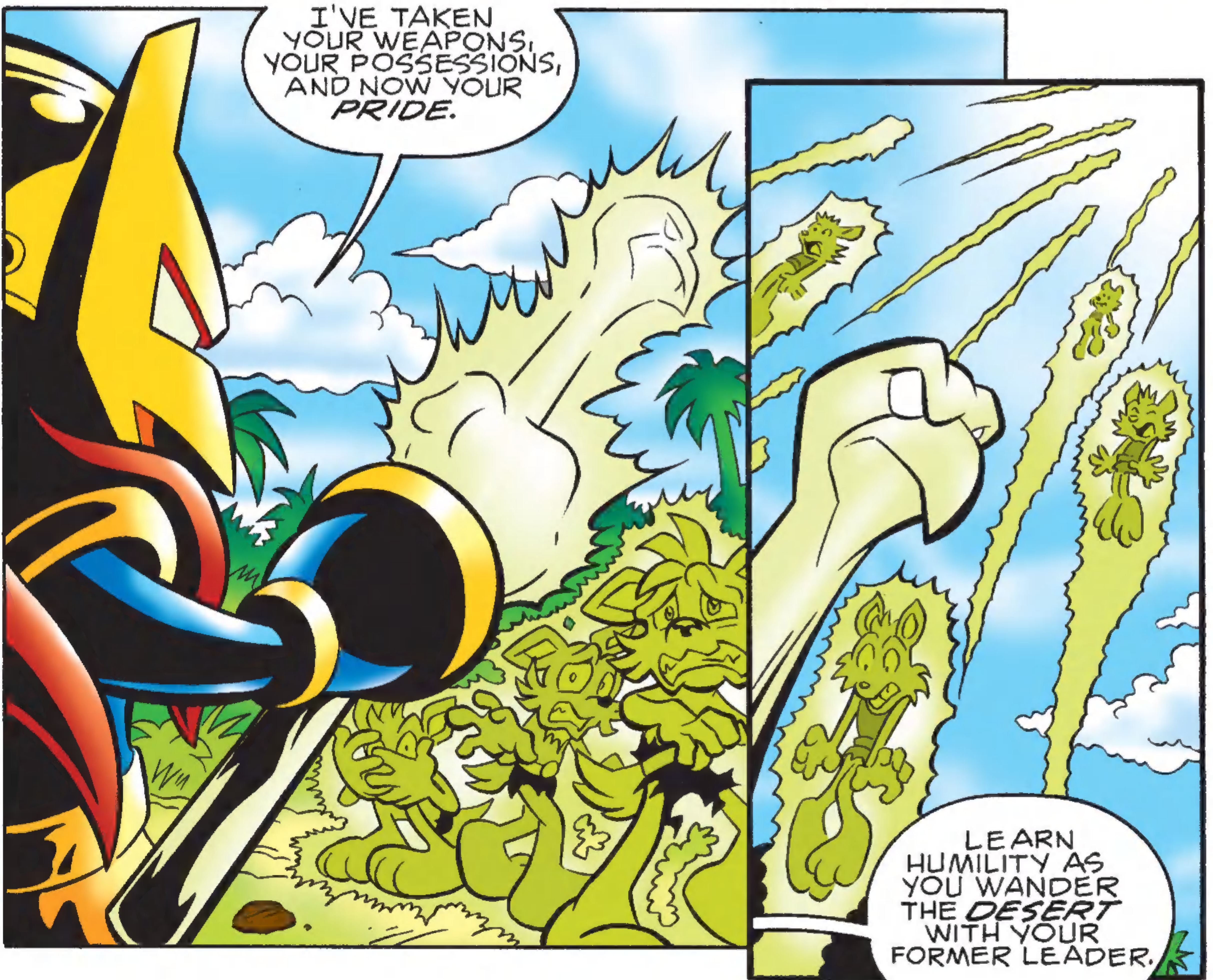
THAT'S  
CAVEM  
CANUS, THE  
DINGO  
CITY.

THEY'RE  
DOOMED.

YOUR CRIMES  
AGAINST THE  
ECHIDNAS HAVE  
BEEN MANY...

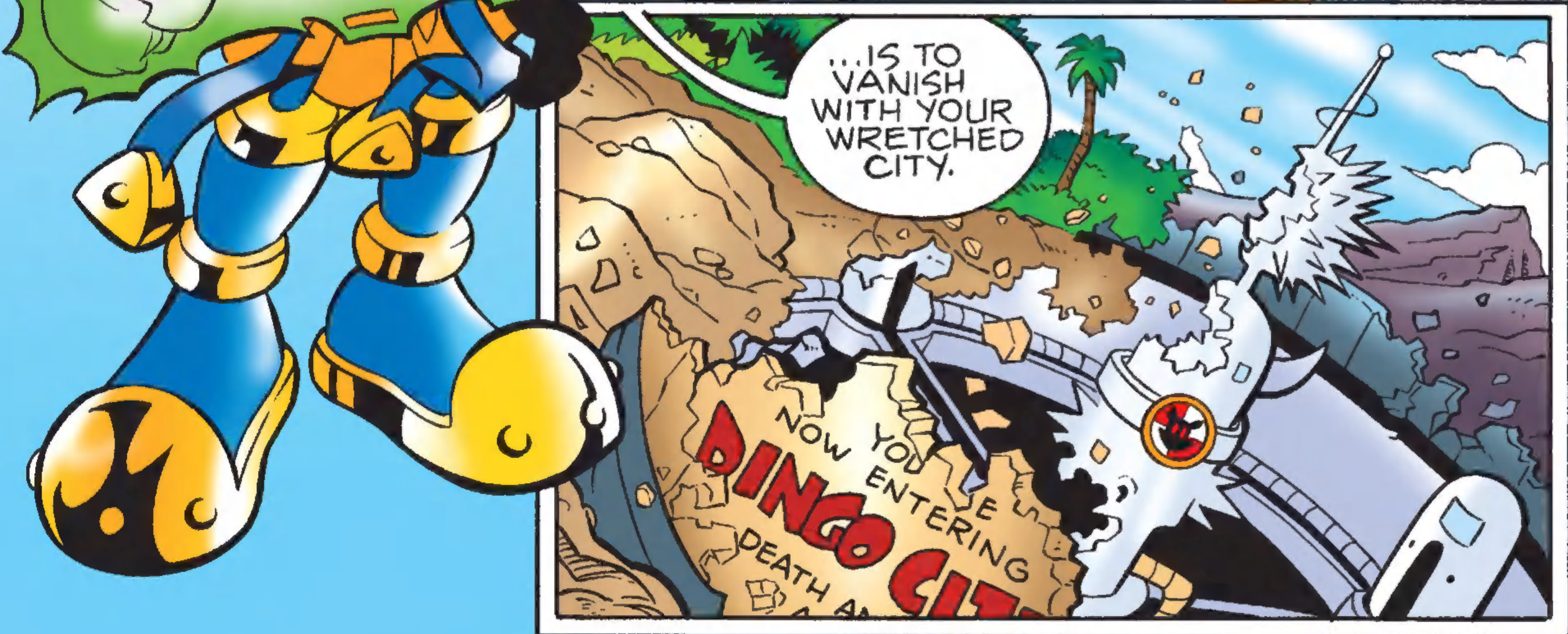
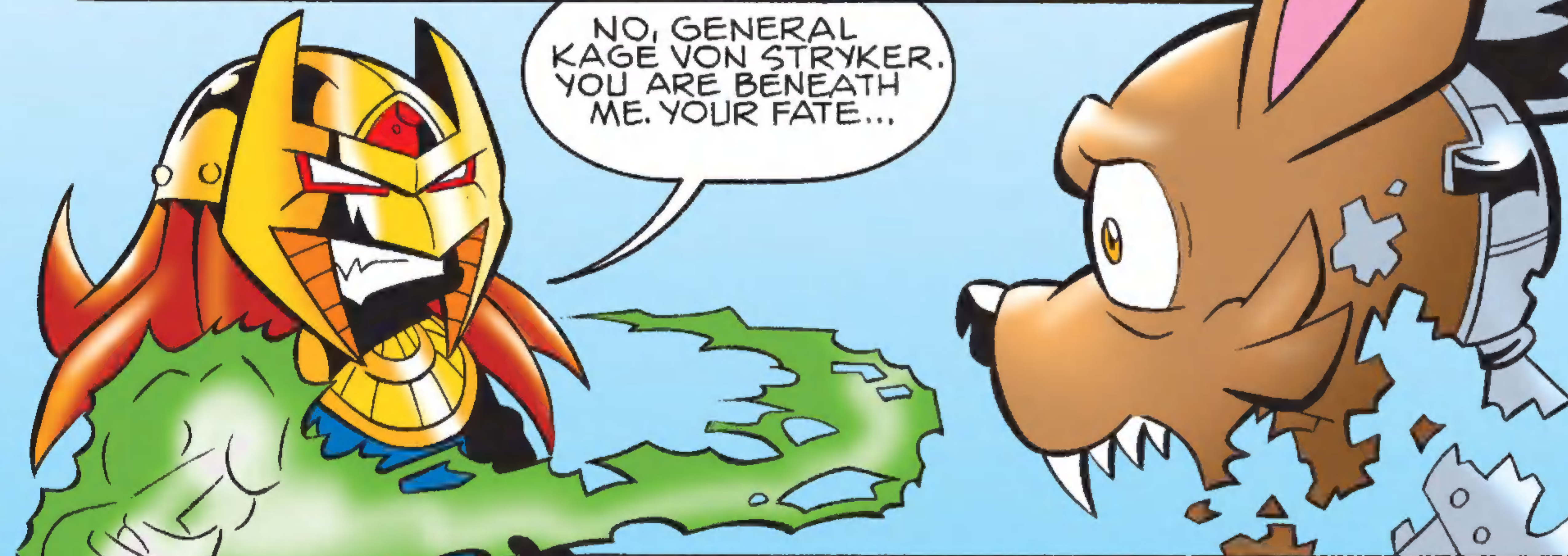
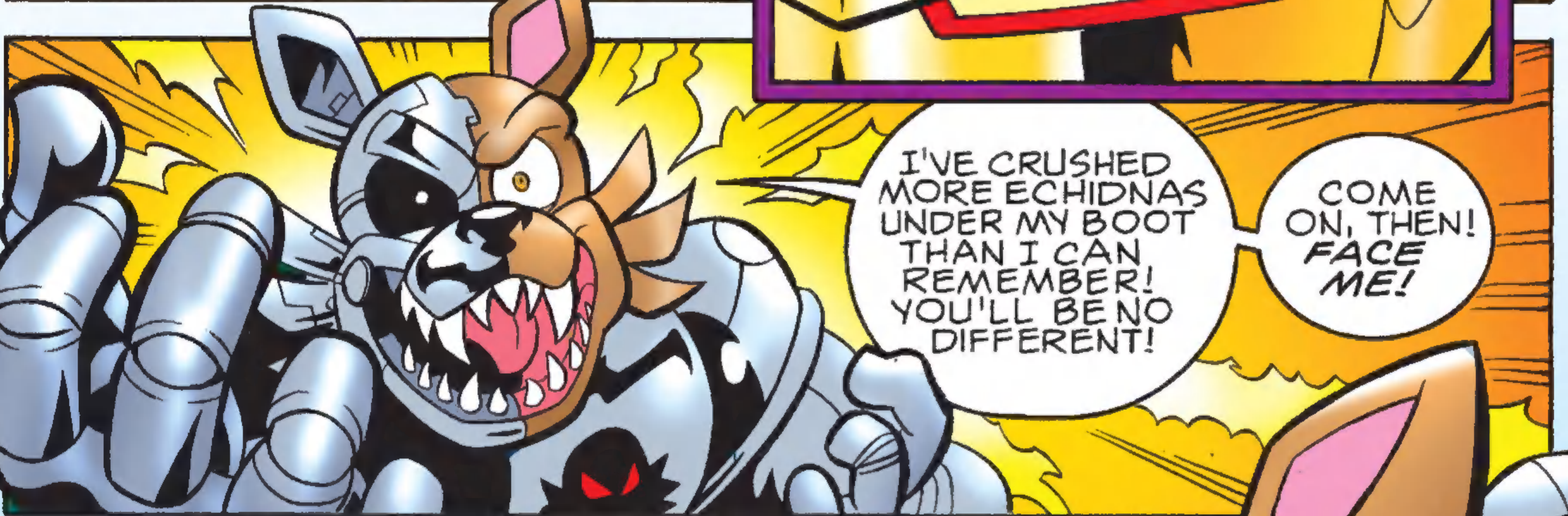
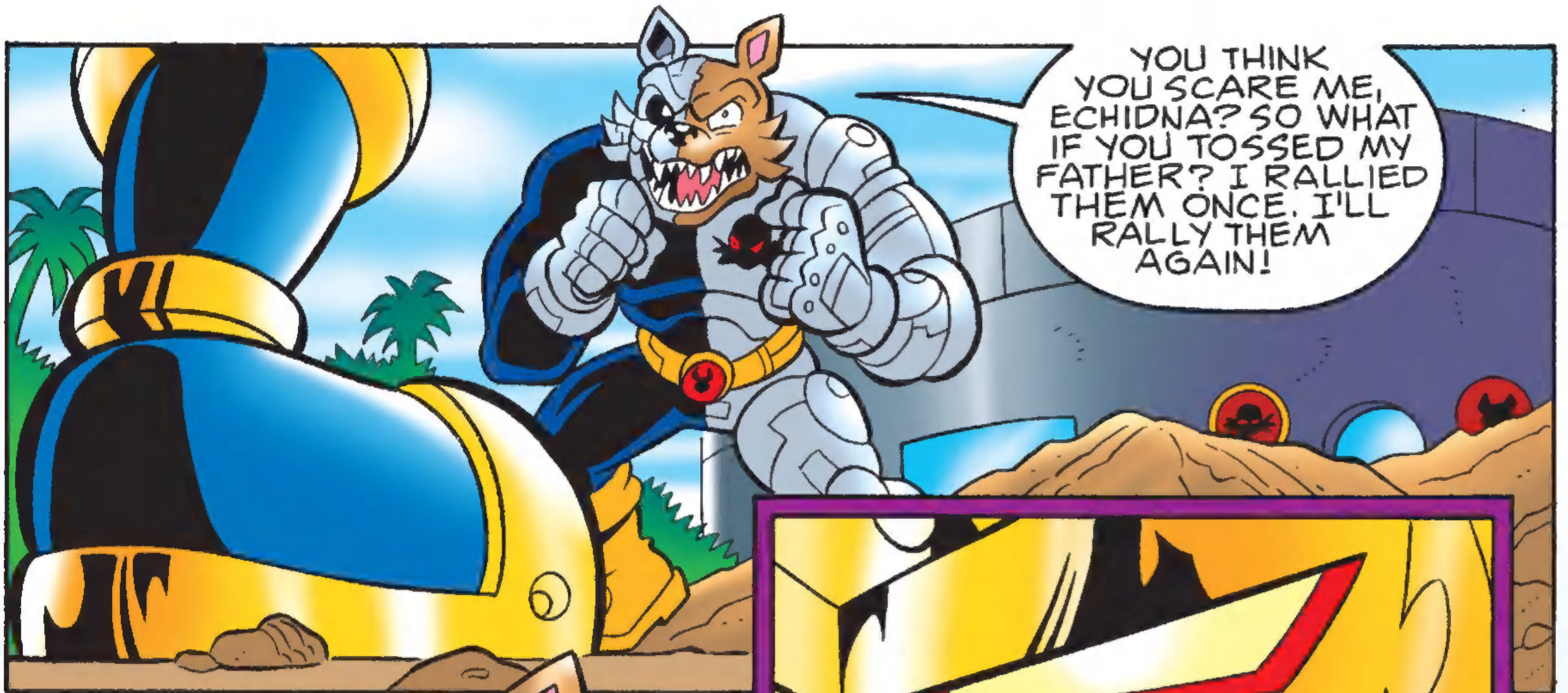


...AND  
**ENERJAK**  
FINDS YOU  
--GUILTY!



I'VE TAKEN  
YOUR WEAPONS,  
YOUR POSSESSIONS,  
AND NOW YOUR  
**PRIDE.**

LEARN  
HUMILITY AS  
YOU WANDER  
THE **DESERT**  
WITH YOUR  
FORMER LEADER.





KEEP HIM AT BAY, FROST LEGION! SHOW HIM THE PENALTY FOR STEALING MY BIRTH-RIGHT!



MY DEAR FRIEND, YOU NEVER WANTED MY POWER. YOU WERE PROUD OF WHO YOU ONCE WERE. IT IS A CRIME THAT YOU HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO THIS.



BE WHOLE ONCE MORE, REMINGTON!

FWASH!

M-MY  
M-M-MEMORY  
...M-M-MY  
B-BODY...

RESTORED TO THEIR  
NATURAL STATE.  
JUST AS I'VE  
LIBERATED YOU  
FROM YOUR  
UNNATURAL  
CYBERNETIC  
PARTS...

FINISH

...SO WILL  
I LIBERATE  
THE REST OF  
THE FLAME AND  
FROST LEGIONS!

YOU MONSTER!  
THOSE PARTS ENHANCED  
US! IT'S NOT UNNATURAL...

...TO  
BETTER  
YOUR-  
SELF!

IF THAT  
IS HOW  
YOU...

...AND  
YOUR IDIOT  
FOLLOWERS  
FEEL...

...THEN YOU  
CAN STAY  
STRANDED  
HERE.

THOSE  
THANKFUL  
FOR MY  
BLESSING  
SHALL BE  
RETURNED  
HOME...

...TO ALBION.

DO SOMETHING! HE'S BRUTALIZING MY PEOPLE!

S-SALLY?

R-RIGHT! THERE'S STILL ONE CHANNEL I HAVEN'T TRIED YET!

YOU'RE THE A.I. THAT CONTROLS THIS CITY, AREN'T YOU? CONSTRUCT A WEAPON TO STRIKE NOW WHILE WE HAVE TIME!

I WILL NOT DEVOTE THE NANITES OR THIS CITY TO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND. SONIC AND TAILS ARE ON ANGEL ISLAND RIGHT NOW, AND...

NICOLE...

...HAVE THEY FOUND KNUCKLES YET?

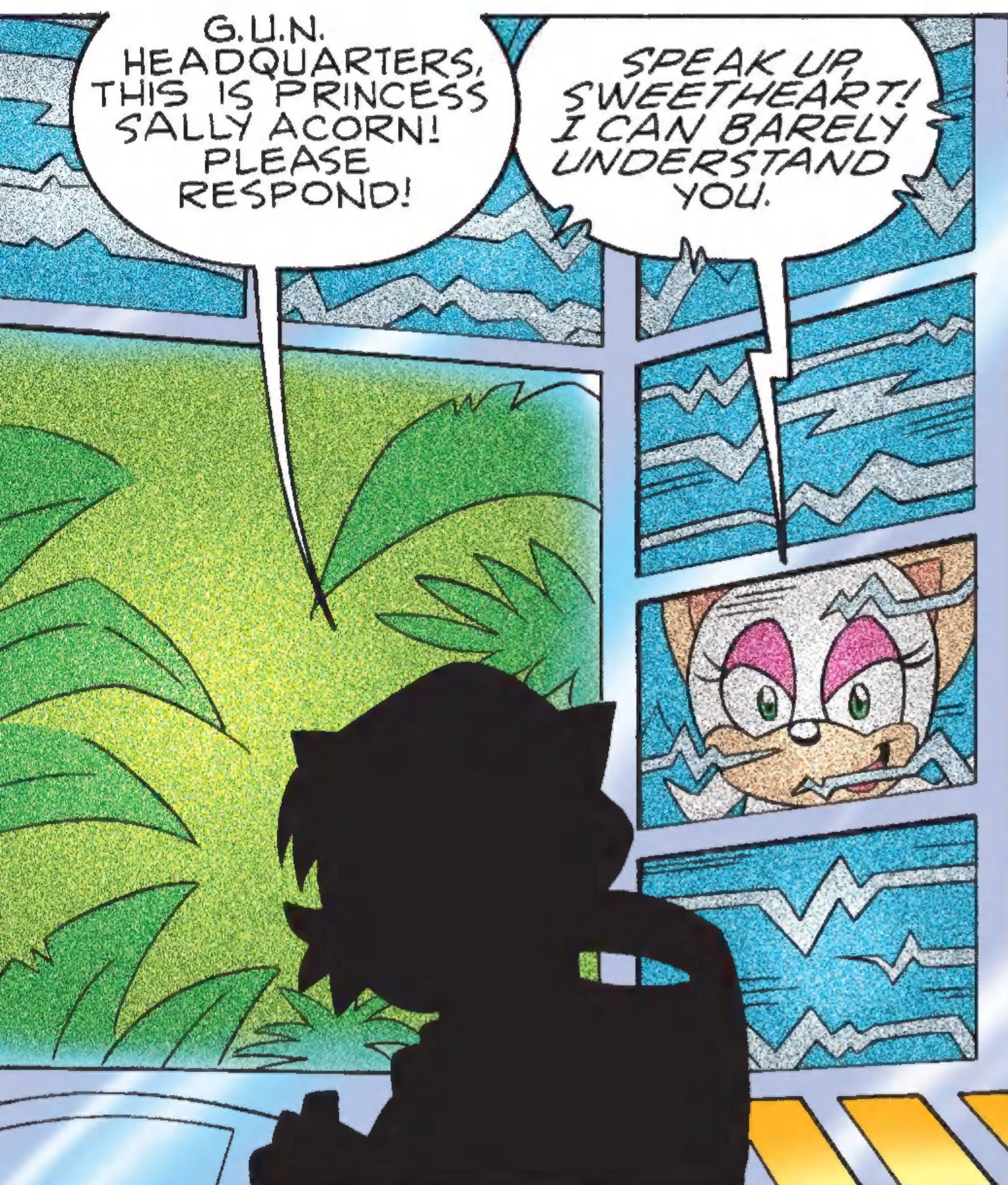
THEY...HAD SOME TROUBLE GETTING INTO THE CHAOS CHAMBER. I SHOULD HAVE AN UPDATE FROM THEM SOON. I'M SURE HE...

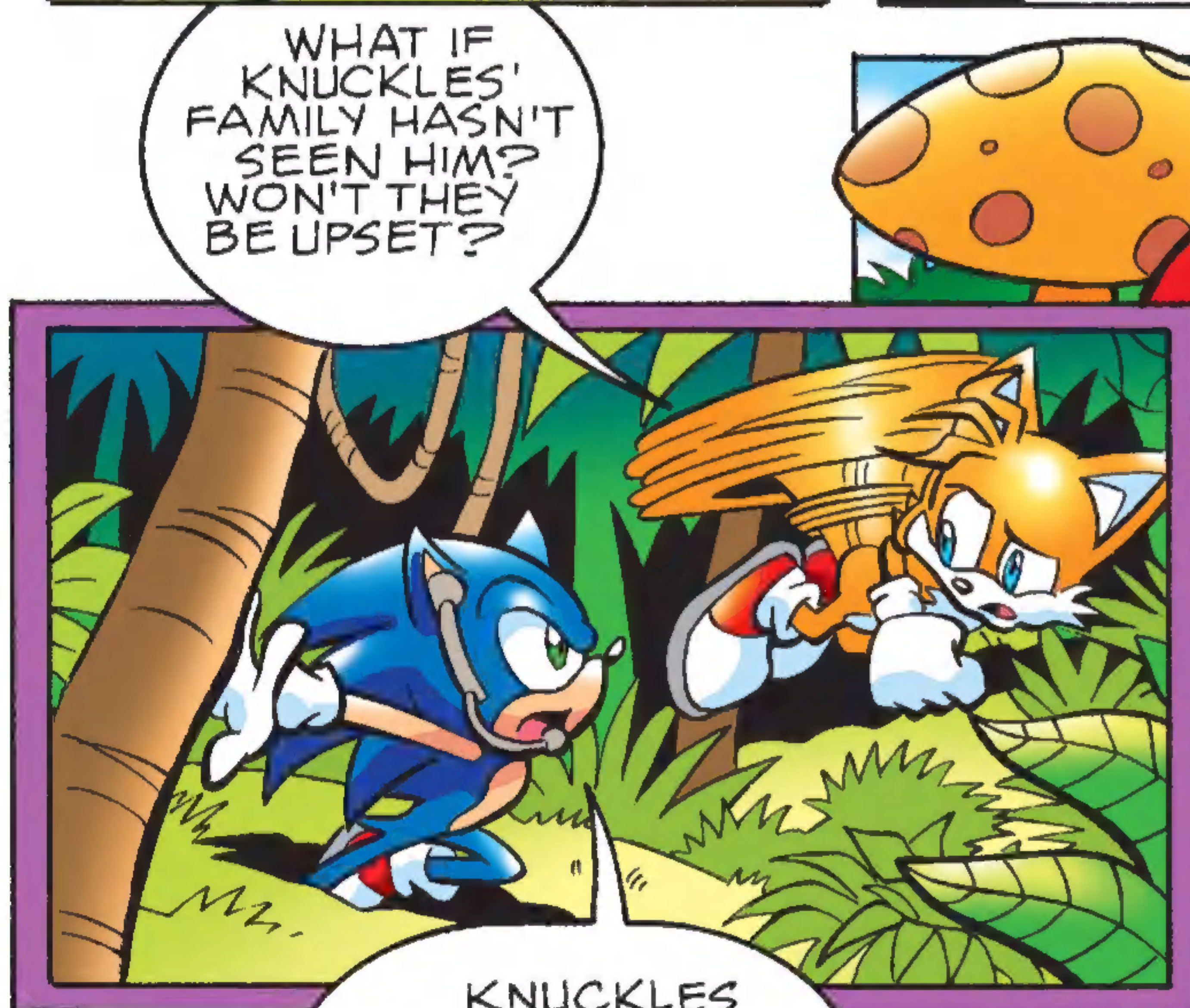
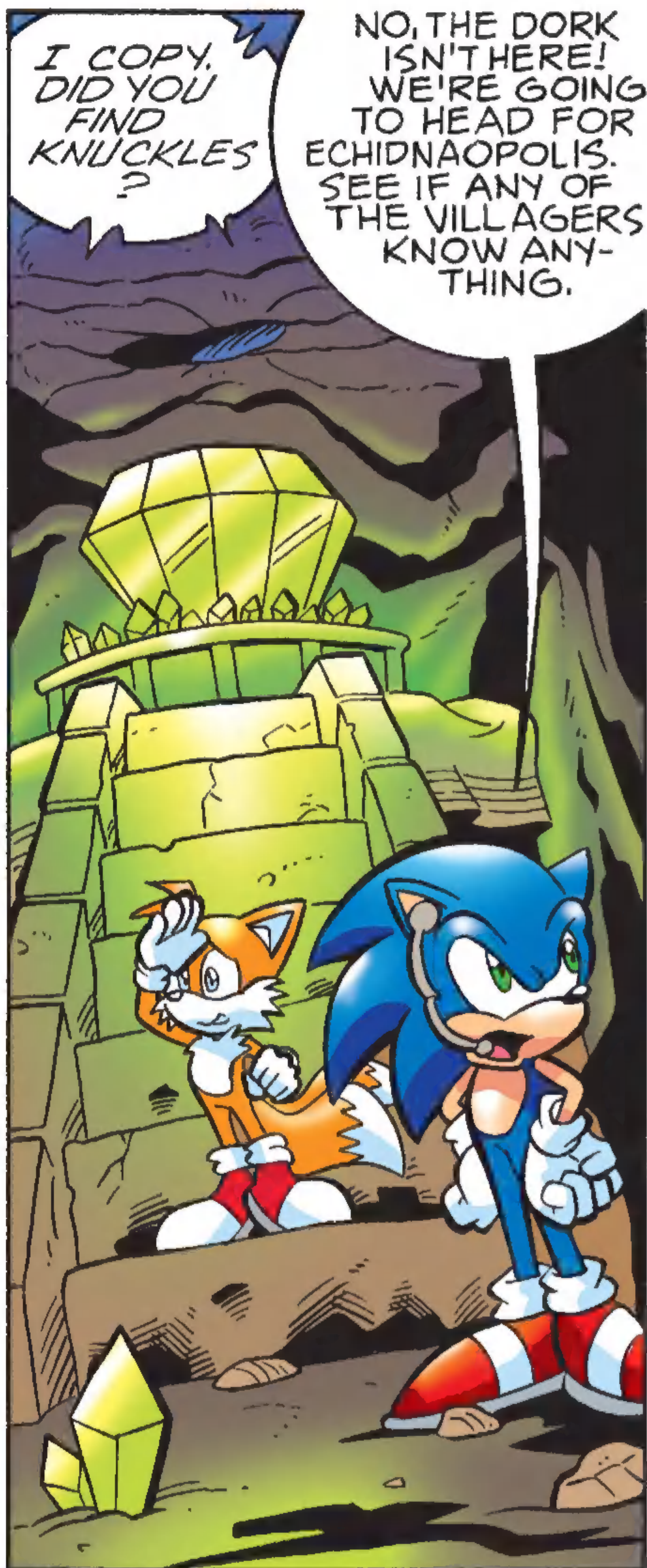
THE LAST TIME KNUCKLES FACED ENERJAK, HE WAS VAPORIZED! \* THIS TIME, THERE AREN'T ANY ANCIENT WALKERS TO RESCUE HIM! \*\* SO WOULD YOU **PLEASE** TELL THOSE TWO TO PICK UP THE PACE?!

\*SEE THE CLASSIC KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA # 8.

\*\*AND REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED IN STH #162?

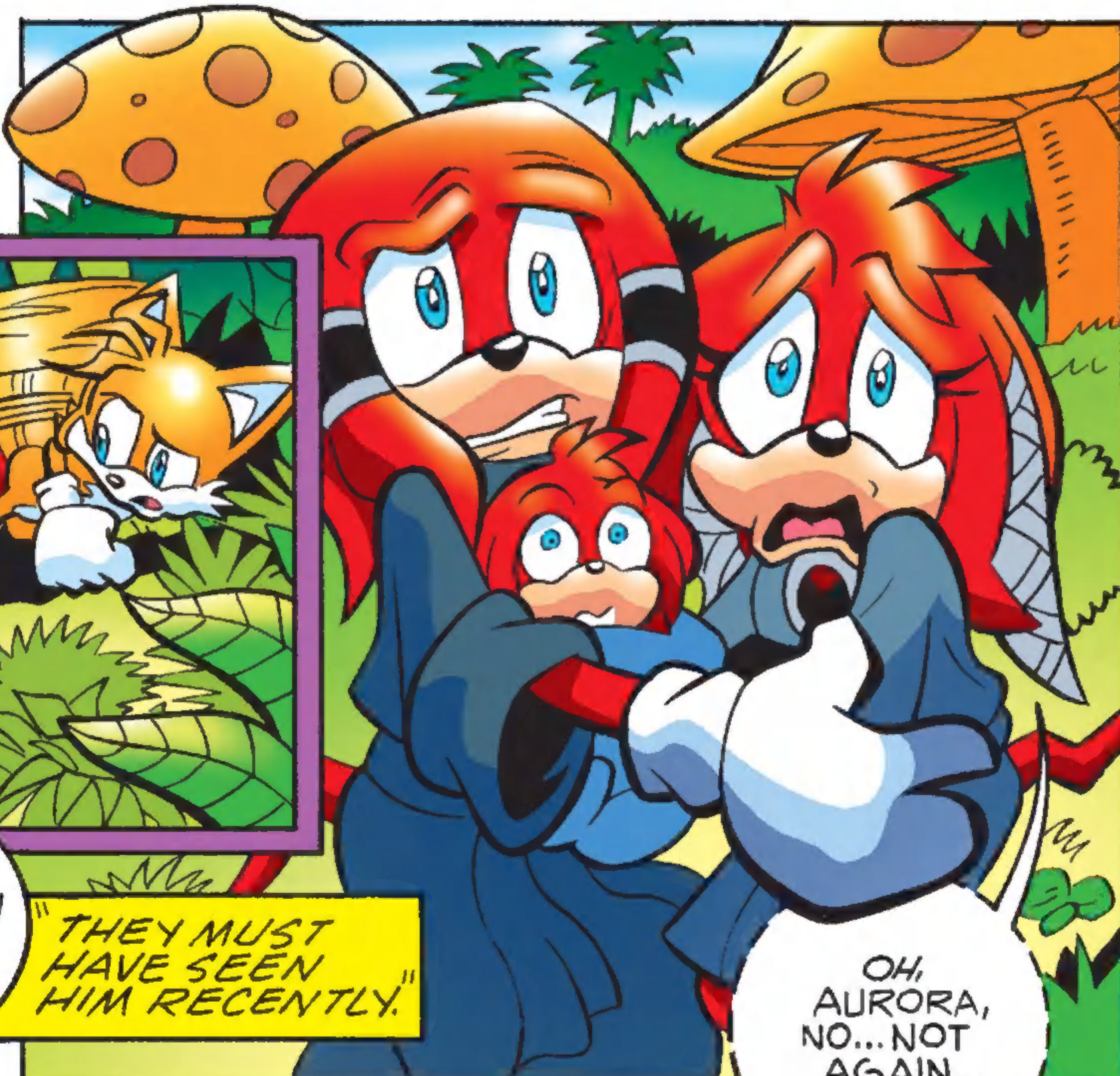
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO COME TO THESE "HEROES." IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO CAST MY LOT WITH THE MORE POWERFUL SIDE...

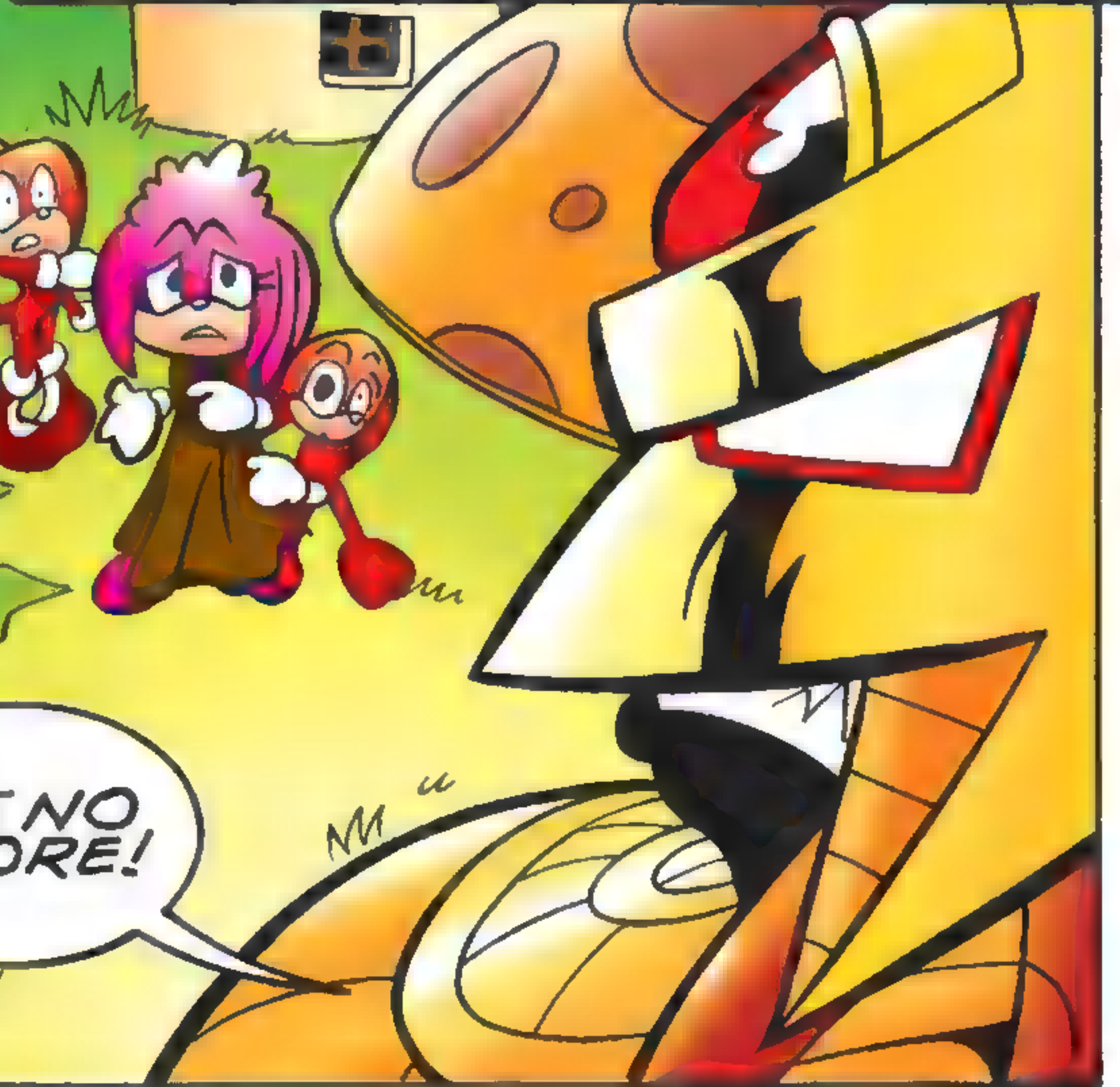
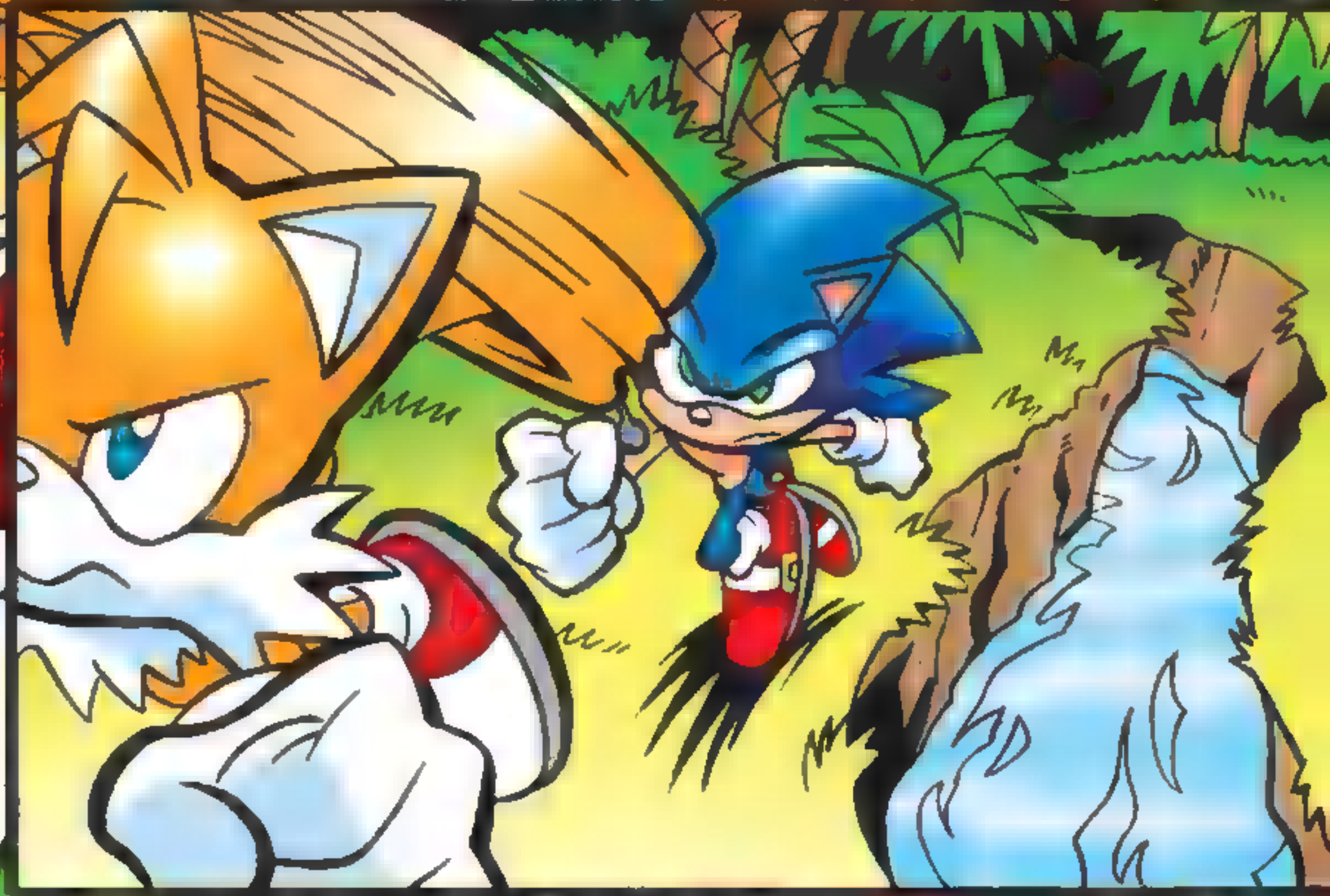
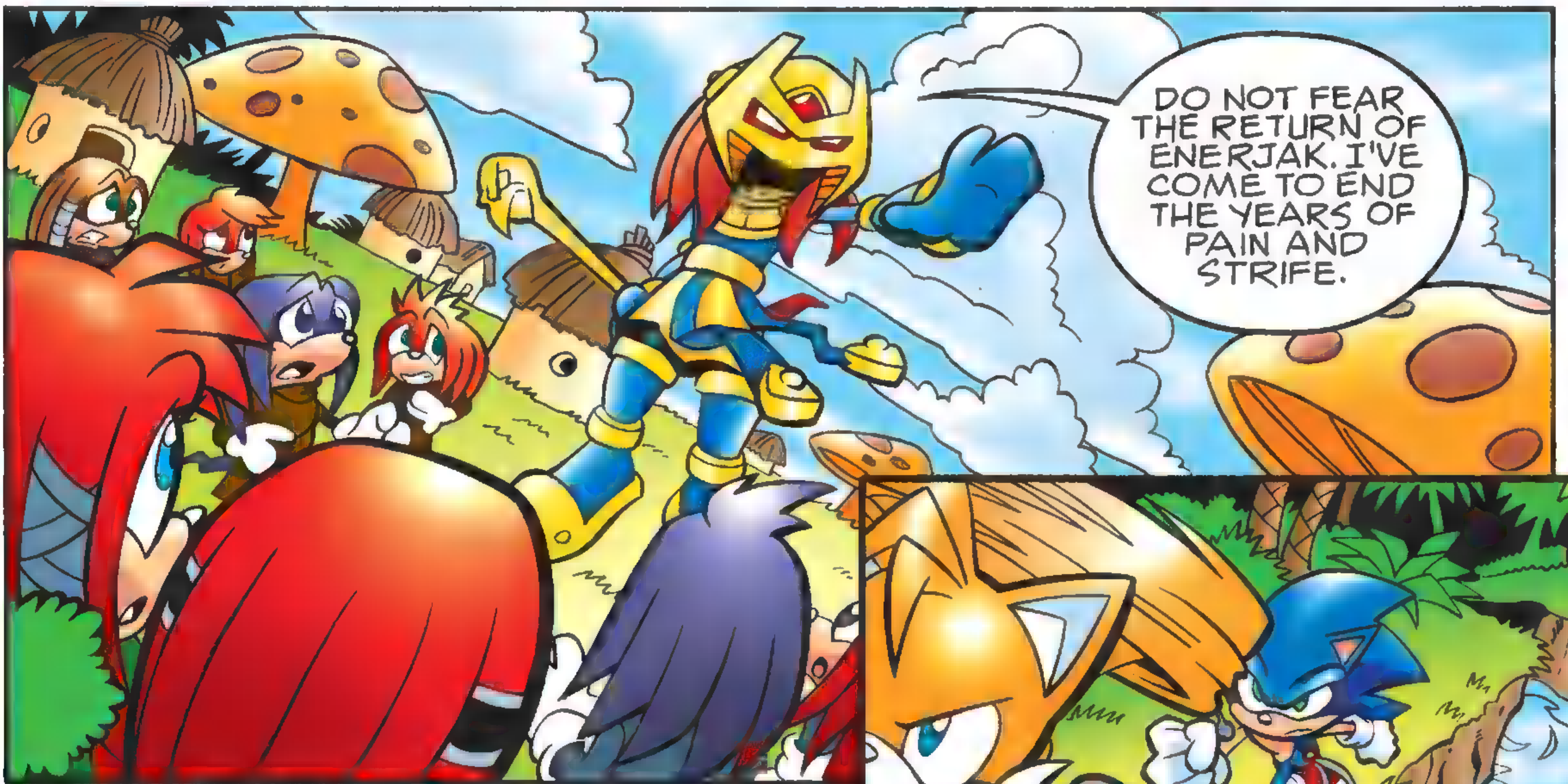


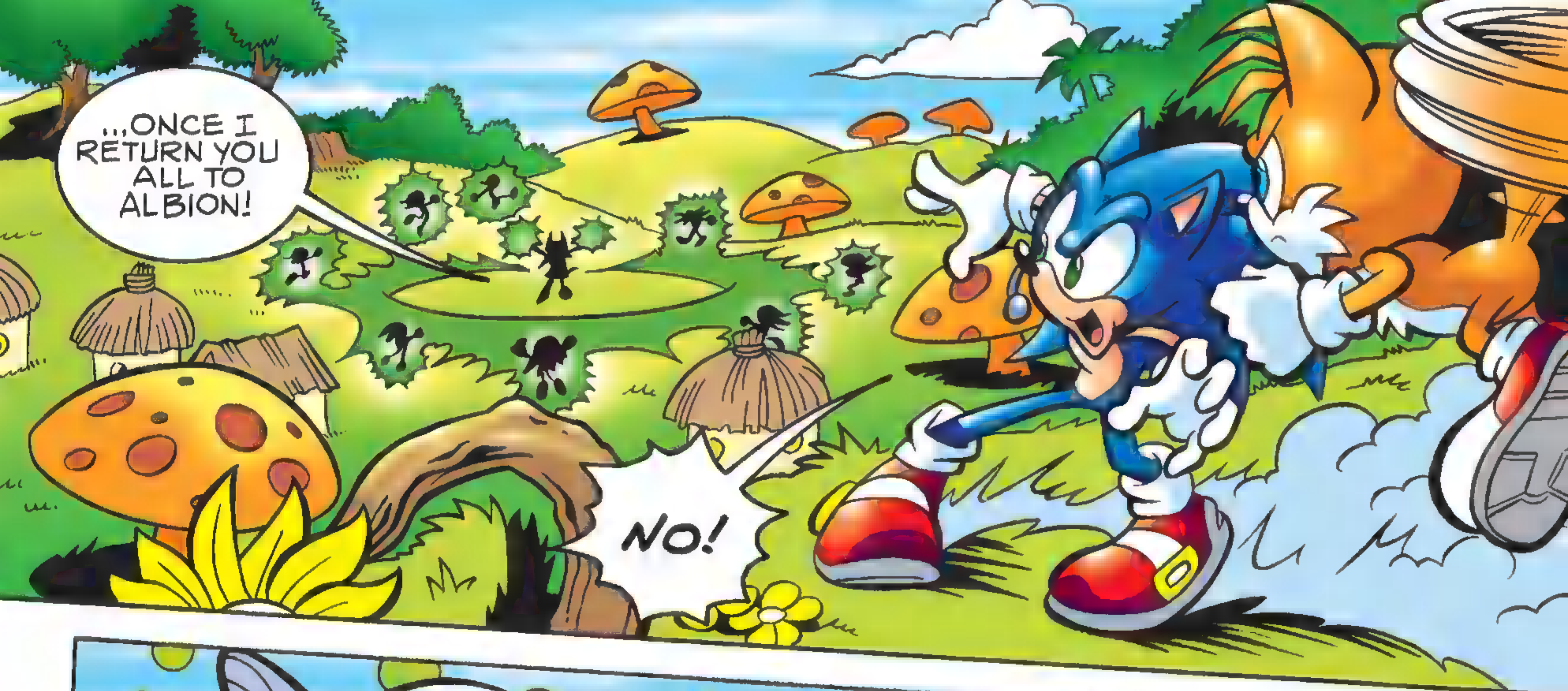


KNUCKLES CAME BACK HERE DAYS AGO.\* I KNOW HE WOULD'VE STOPPED IN AT LEAST ONCE.

\*SEE STH#178

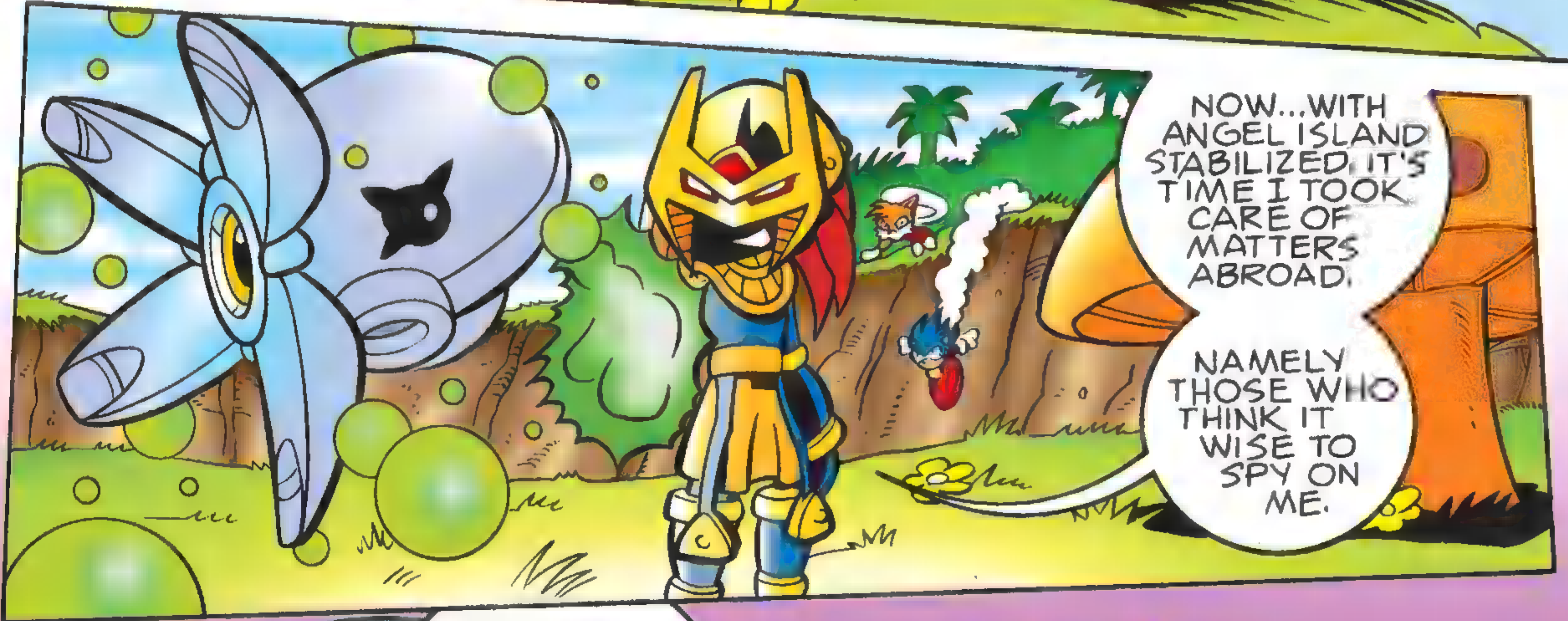






...ONCE I  
RETURN YOU  
ALL TO  
ALBION!

No!



NOW...WITH  
ANGEL ISLAND  
STABILIZED, IT'S  
TIME I TOOK  
CARE OF  
MATTERS  
ABROAD.

NAMELY  
THOSE WHO  
THINK IT  
WISE TO  
SPY ON  
ME.



I'M VERY  
DISAPPOINTED  
WITH YOU. YOU  
SHOULD HAVE  
KNOWN  
BETTER.



AHHHHH!

NICOLE  
?!

HE'S  
COMING!

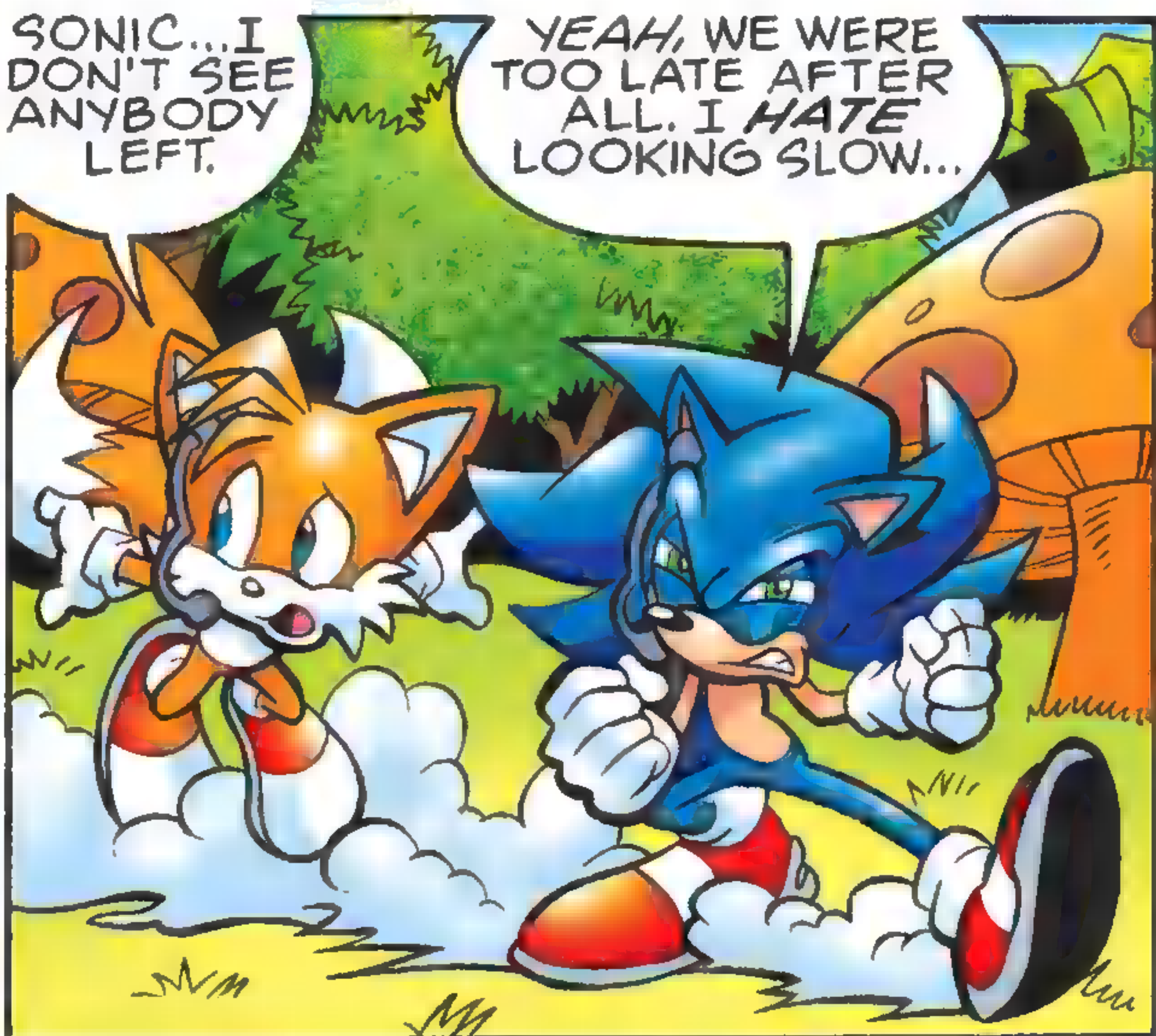
WAAAAVVVT

OH,  
COME ON!  
DON'T  
TELEPORT  
NOW!



SONIC...I  
DON'T SEE  
ANYBODY  
LEFT.

YEAH, WE WERE  
TOO LATE AFTER  
ALL. I *HATE*  
LOOKING SLOW...



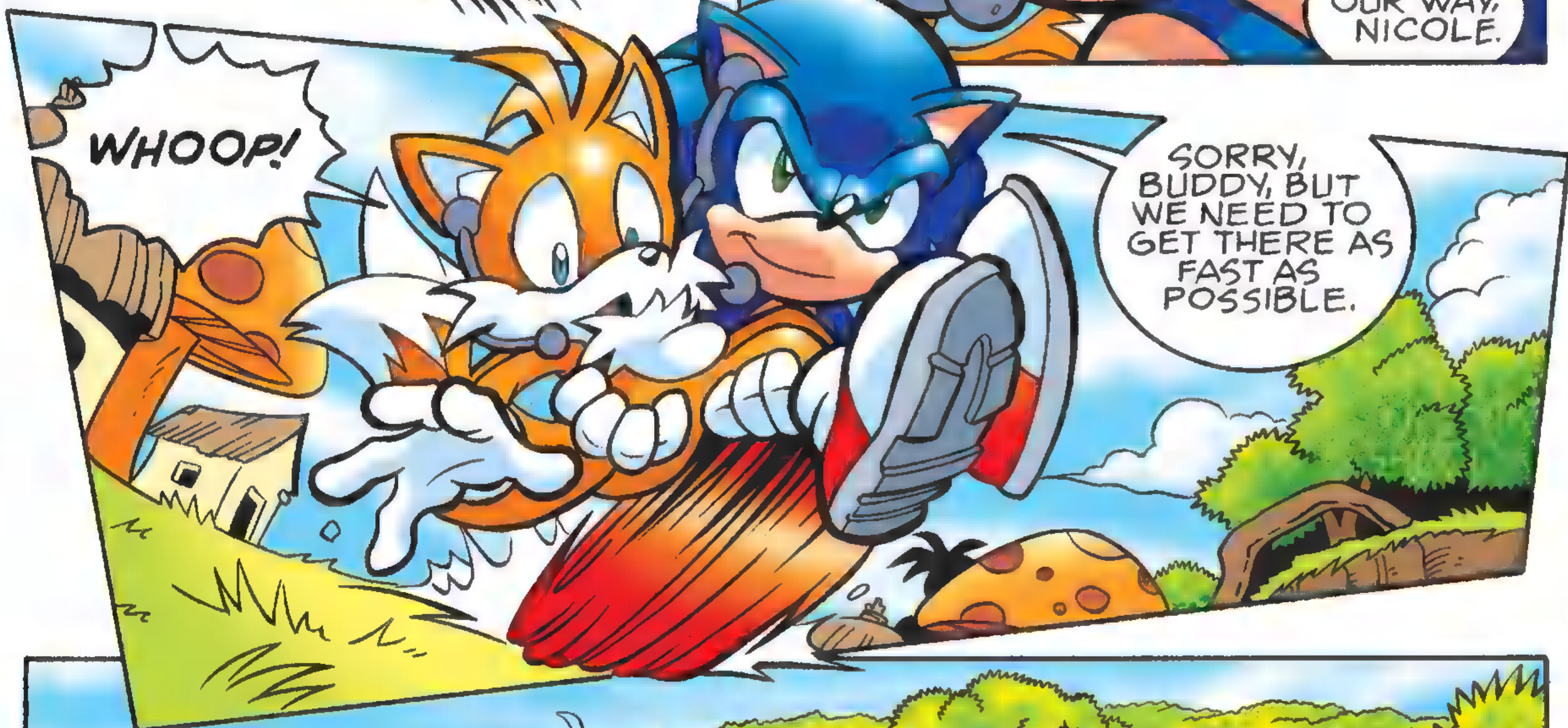
SONIC! TAILS!  
ENERJAK IS  
JUST OUTSIDE  
THE CITY  
GATES! GET  
BACK HERE!

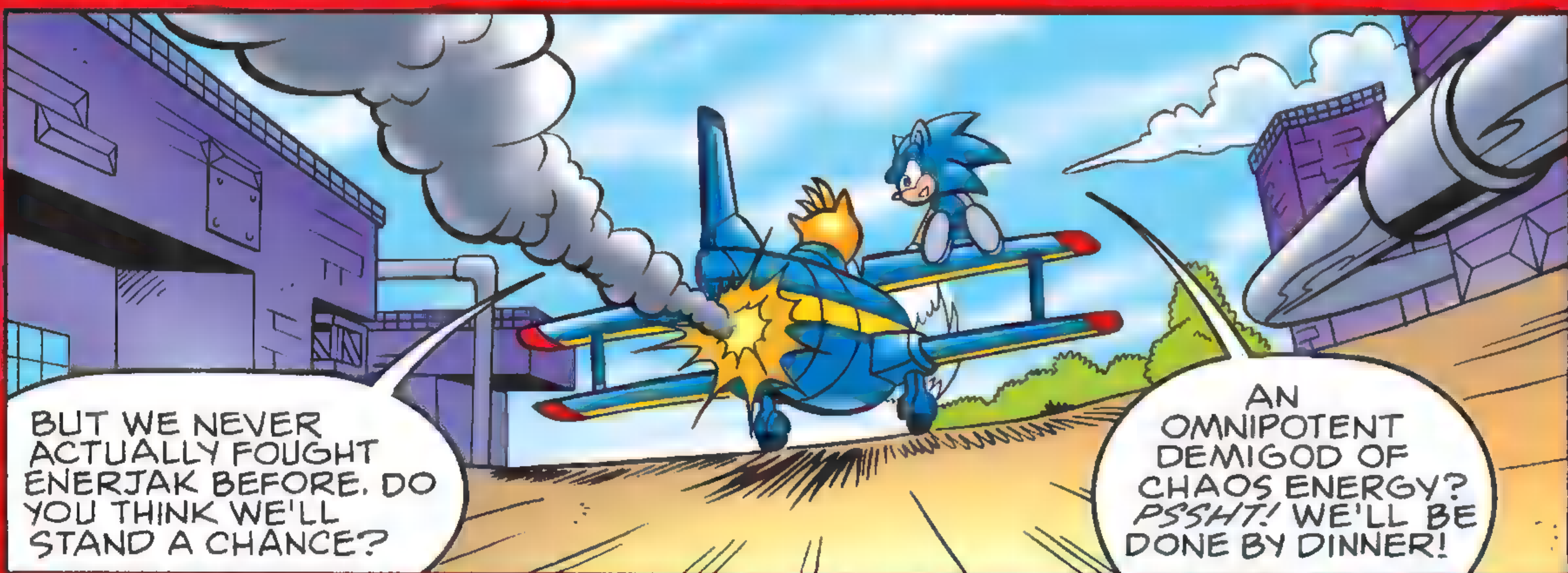
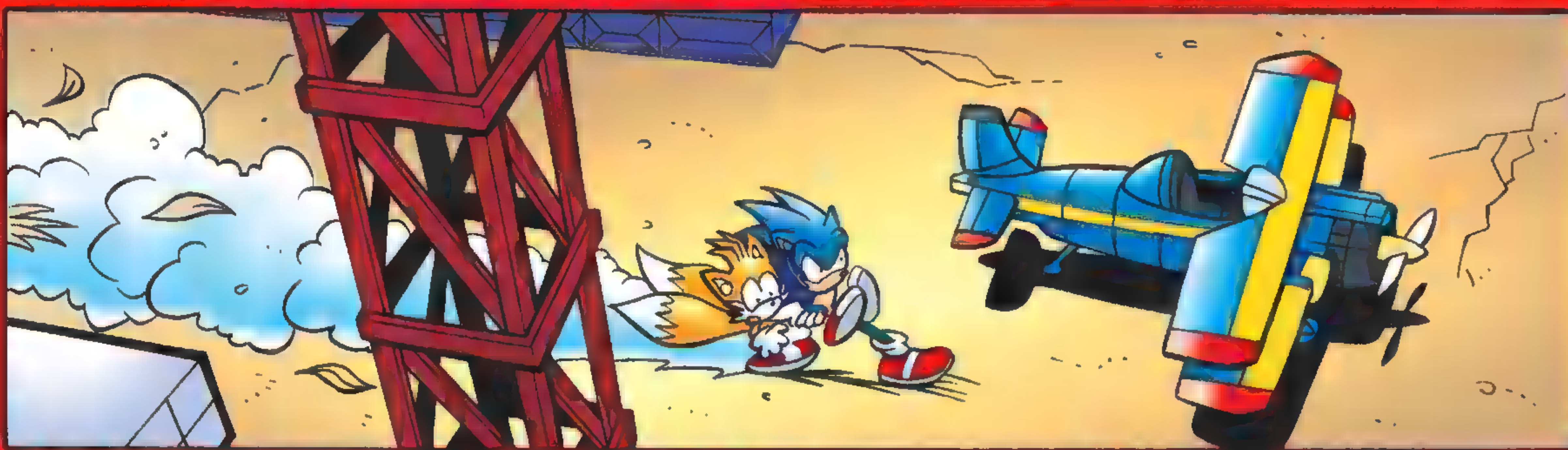
ON  
OUR WAY,  
NICOLE.



WHOOO!

SORRY,  
BUDDY, BUT  
WE NEED TO  
GET THERE AS  
FAST AS  
POSSIBLE.





FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS AND  
CHAOTIX TO THE  
FRONT! ROYAL  
GUARD, SECURE  
THE KING AND  
ACORN COUNCIL!  
EVERYONE  
ELSE TAKE  
SHELTER!

UM...  
JULIE-SU?  
YOU OKAY?

NO,  
MIGHTY.  
I'M  
NOT.

SONIC AND  
TAILS NEVER  
FOUND KNUCKLES.  
ENERJAK FINISHED  
WITH ANGEL ISLAND.  
YOU KNOW WHAT  
THAT MEANS.  
KNUCKLES IS  
GONE.

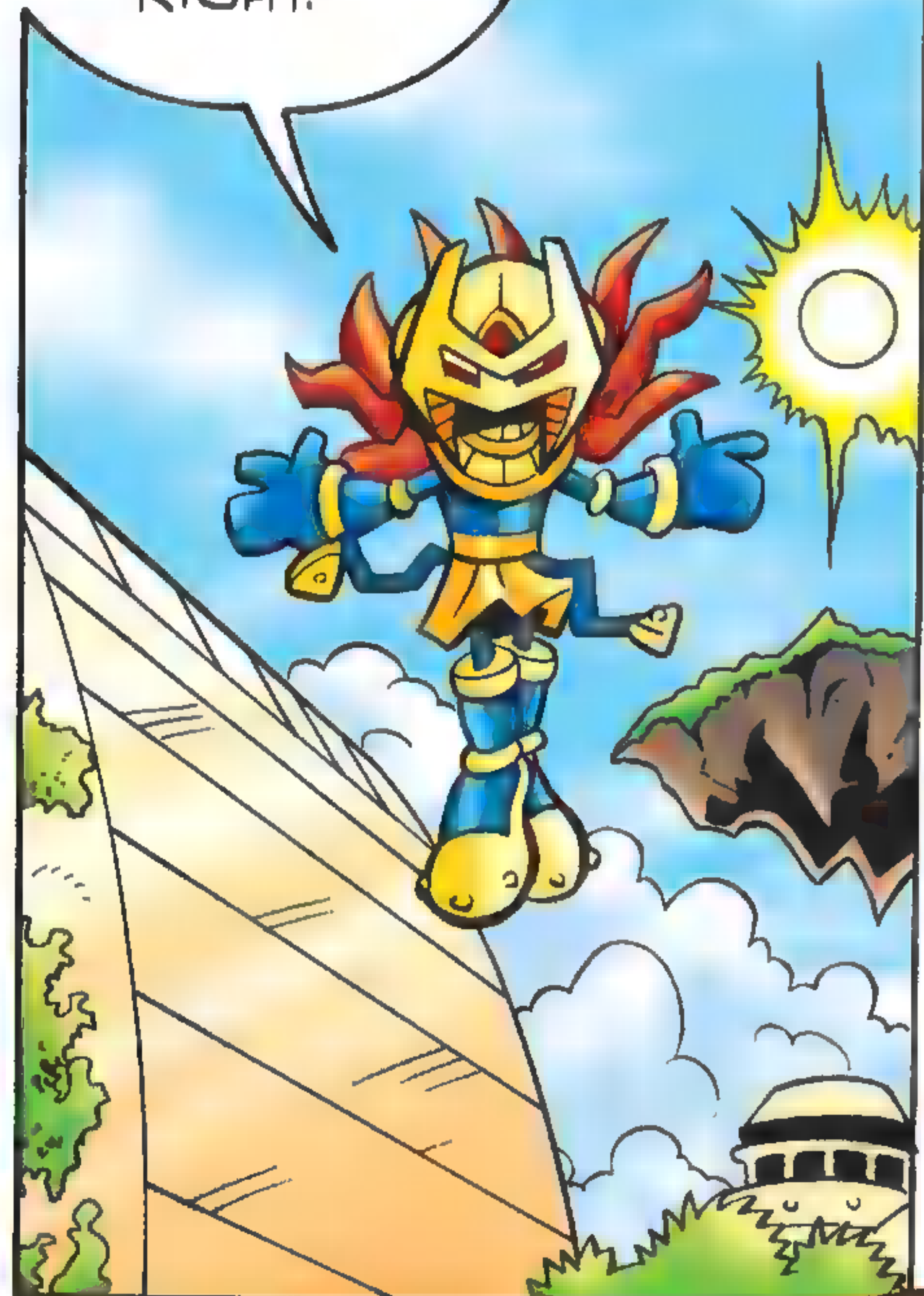
STAY  
CALM,  
EVERY-  
ONE.

THE CITY'S FORCE  
FIELD HELD OFF  
THE FULL POWER  
OF THE EGG  
FLEET.\*

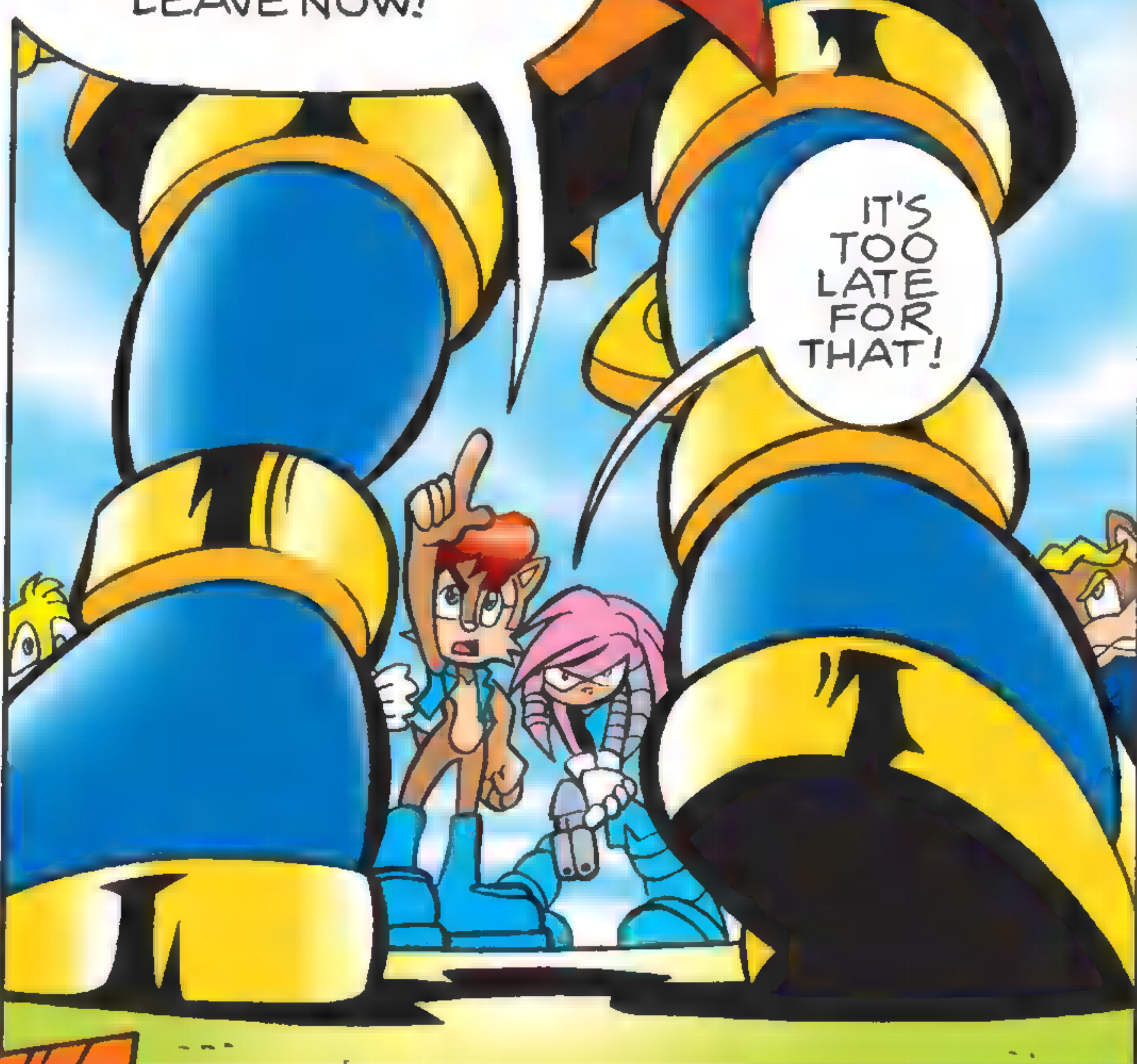
\*RECENTLY,  
IN STH #177.

KZZZKT

I COME WITH  
NO INTENT TO  
HARM ANY OF  
YOU. I'VE COME  
TO MAKE THINGS  
RIGHT.

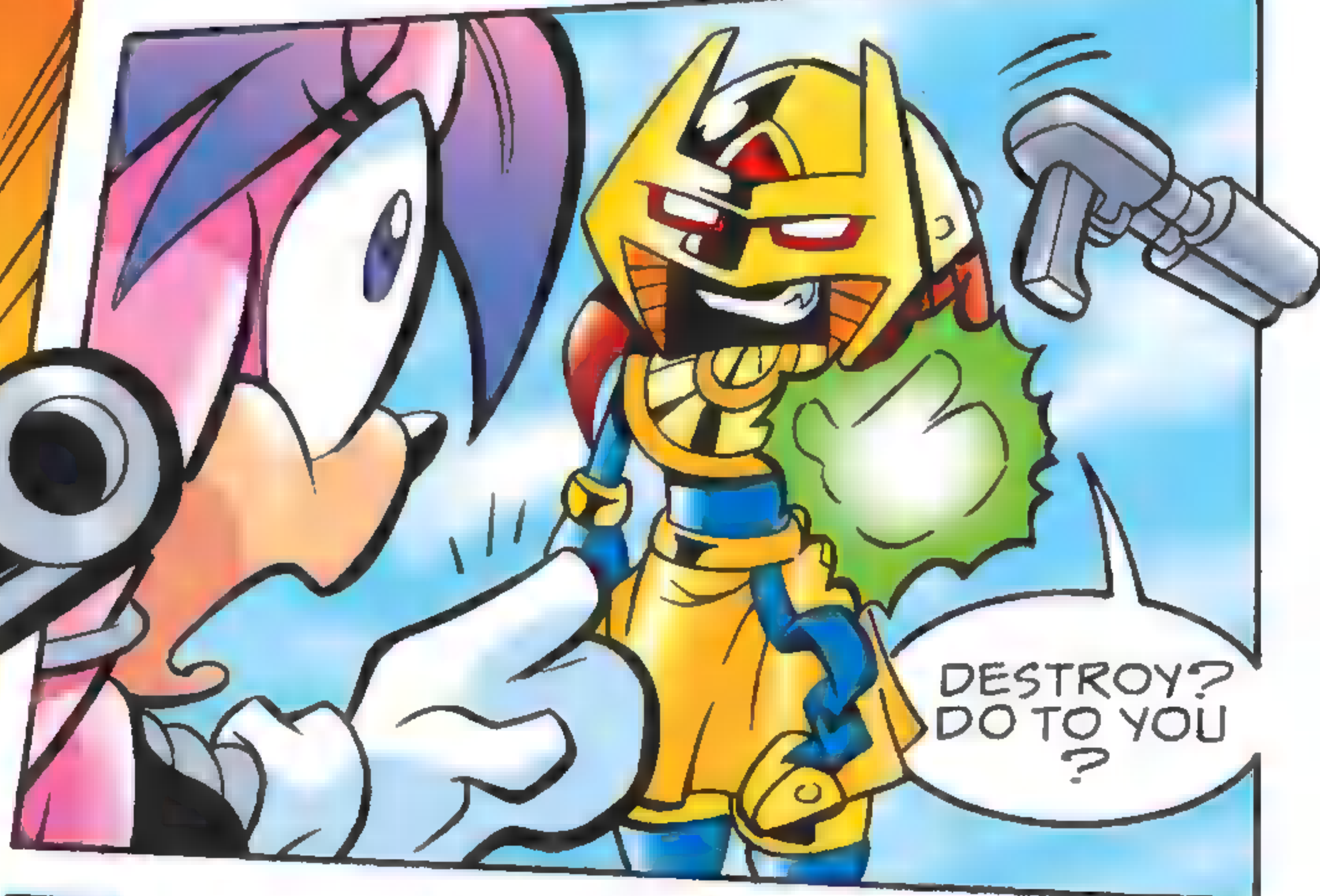


WE'VE SEEN ALL THE  
"GOOD" YOU BROUGHT  
TO ANGEL ISLAND. IF  
YOU DON'T WANT THIS  
TO TURN VIOLENT, THEN  
LEAVE NOW!



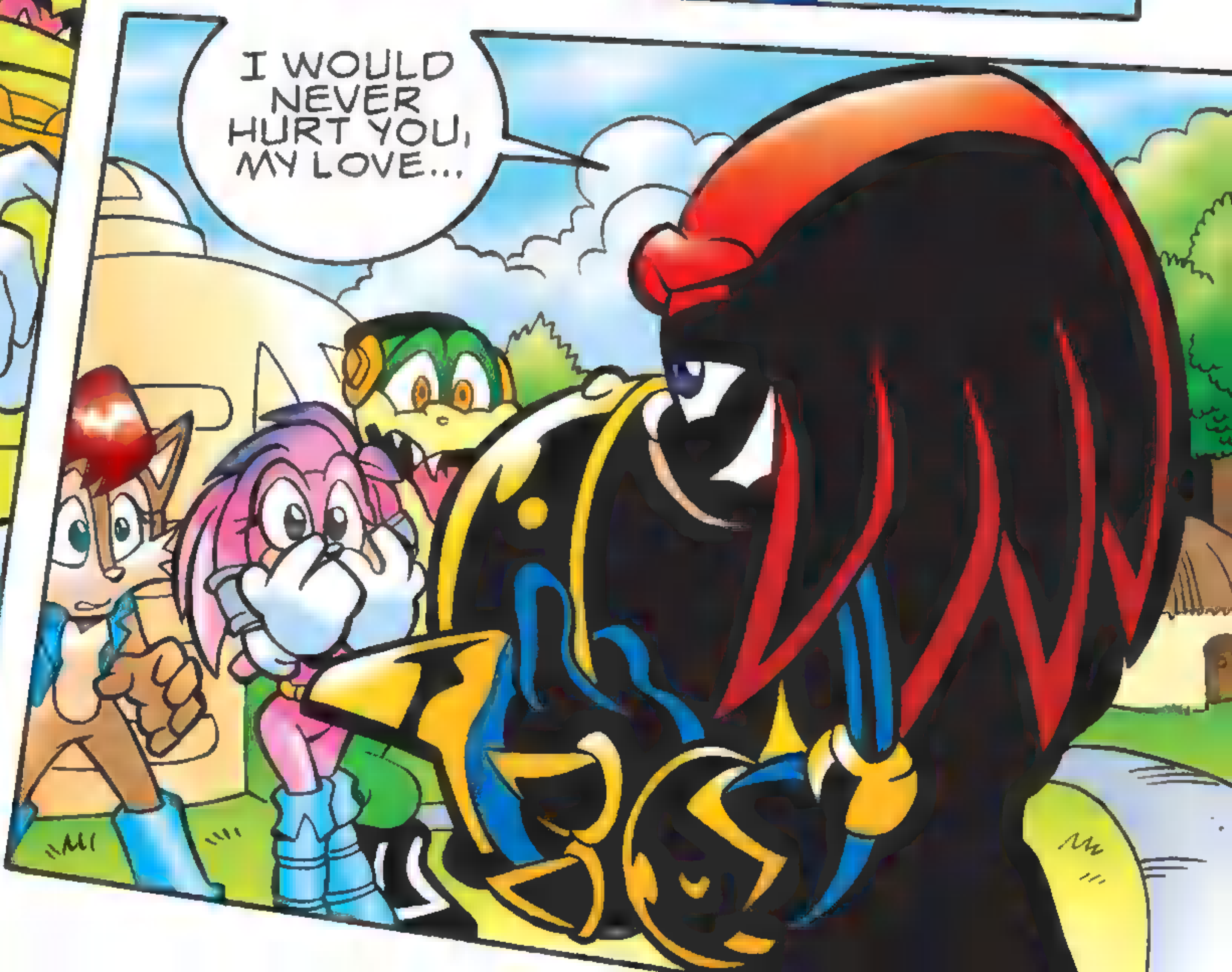
IT'S  
TOO  
LATE  
FOR  
THAT!


I'LL NEVER  
FORGIVE YOU FOR  
WHAT YOU DID TO  
KNUCKLES! I DON'T  
CARE WHAT YOU DO  
TO ME, BUT I'LL MAKE  
YOU PAY FOR  
DESTROYING  
HIM!



DESTROY?  
DO TO YOU  
?

I WOULD  
NEVER  
HURT YOU,  
MY LOVE...





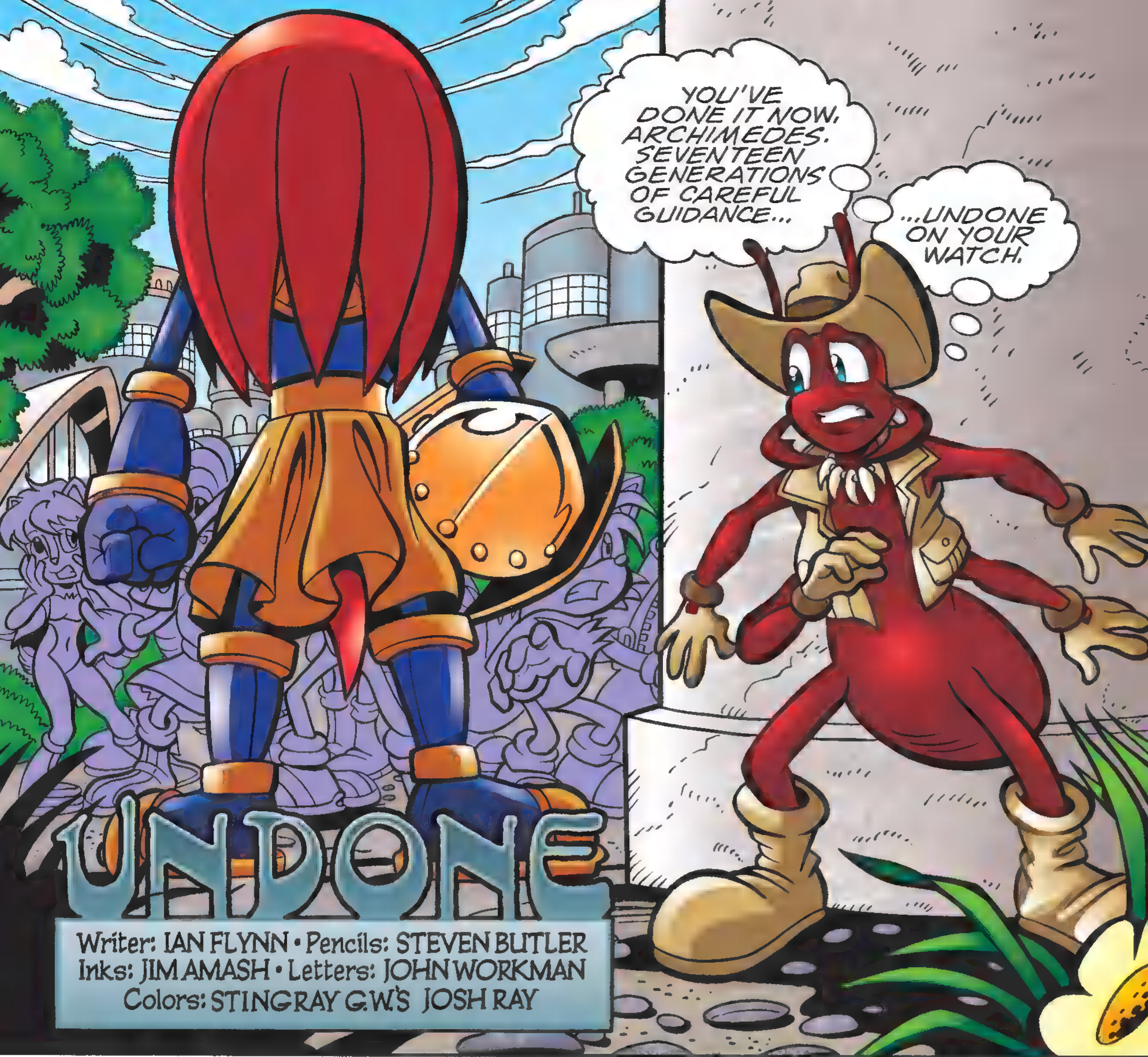
...AND I  
CAN'T VERY  
WELL DESTROY  
MYSELF!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA IS THE  
DREADED ENERJAK?!  
SONIC AND TAILS ARE ON  
THEIR WAY, AS IS THE  
MYSTERY AGENT SENT BY  
G.U.N.!

COME BACK NEXT MONTH AS  
THINGS REALLY HEAT UP IN:

**"FALLEN ANGEL"**

THE STORY IS NOT DONE YET! TURN THE PAGE TO FIND OUT HOW  
THE GUARDIAN KNUCKLES TURNED INTO THE VILLAIN - ENERJAK!



YOU'VE  
DONE IT NOW,  
ARCHIMEDES.  
SEVENTEEN  
GENERATIONS  
OF CAREFUL  
GUIDANCE...

...UNDONE  
ON YOUR  
WATCH.

UNDONE

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IT'S AS IF EACH  
GUARDIAN I TRAINED  
HAS BEEN CURSED.

SABRE  
APPEARS  
TO HAVE  
FALLEN  
IN THE  
LINE OF  
DUTY...

...LOCKE  
SEEMS  
SO ANGRY  
AND  
LOST...

...AND  
KNUCKLES, MY  
MOST PROMISING  
AND POWERFUL  
CHARGE, HAS  
BEEN CORRUPTED  
AND TURNED INTO  
ENERJAK.



I COULDN'T HELP BUT BE DISTRACTED. DR. EGGMAN'S INVASION HAD CRUSHED MY KINGDOM AND SCATTERED MY PEOPLE. I DID WHAT I COULD TO SUPPORT THE RESISTANCE...

AND AS SOON AS I SENSED...

...KNUCKLES' RETURN TO THE ISLAND...

...I RUSHED TO MEET HIM.

...TO HELP.

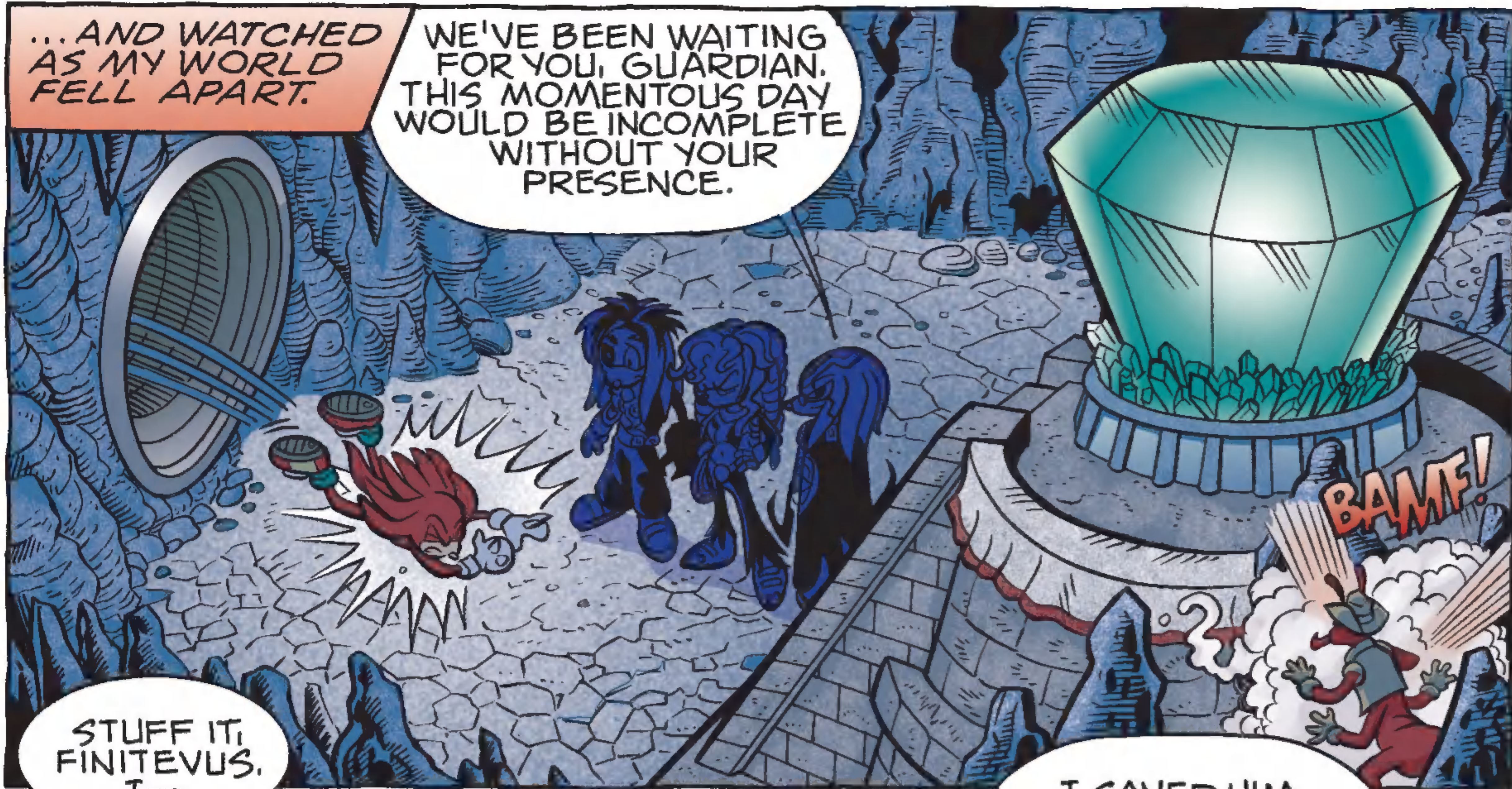
BUT I WAS TOO LATE. THE DESTRUCTIX HAD GOTTEN THE JUMP ON HIM. I COULDN'T FIGHT THEM ALL, AND KNUCKLES WAS IN NO CONDITION...

BAMF!

I COULD ONLY WATCH AS HE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE FLAME AND FROST LEGIONS. I WAS OUTNUMBERED AND THERE WERE TOO MANY QUESTIONS. I FOLLOWED AS HE WAS DRAGGED INTO THE CHAOS CHAMBER...

...AND WATCHED  
AS MY WORLD  
FELL APART.

WE'VE BEEN WAITING  
FOR YOU, GUARDIAN.  
THIS MOMENTOUS DAY  
WOULD BE INCOMPLETE  
WITHOUT YOUR  
PRESENCE.



STUFF IT,  
FINITEVUS.  
I--

REMINGTON  
?!

HAVE  
WE MET?



WHAT  
DID YOU  
DO TO  
HIM?!

I SAVED HIM  
FROM DR. EGGMAN'S  
EGG GRAPES, AND  
I DID ALL I COULD  
TO RESTORE HIS  
BODY AND  
MIND.

WE  
NEED  
ALL  
THE  
HELP  
WE CAN  
GET,  
KNUCKLES.



"WE"?

NO THANKS TO YOU OR THE BROTHER-  
HOOD OF GUARDIANS, NINETY-  
PERCENT OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE  
BEEN DESTROYED BY DOCTOR  
EGGMAN--

...WHAT?...

--INCLUDING  
ALBION,  
WHICH  
IS NOW A  
WASTELAND.

NINETY-  
PERCENT...  
THAT'S



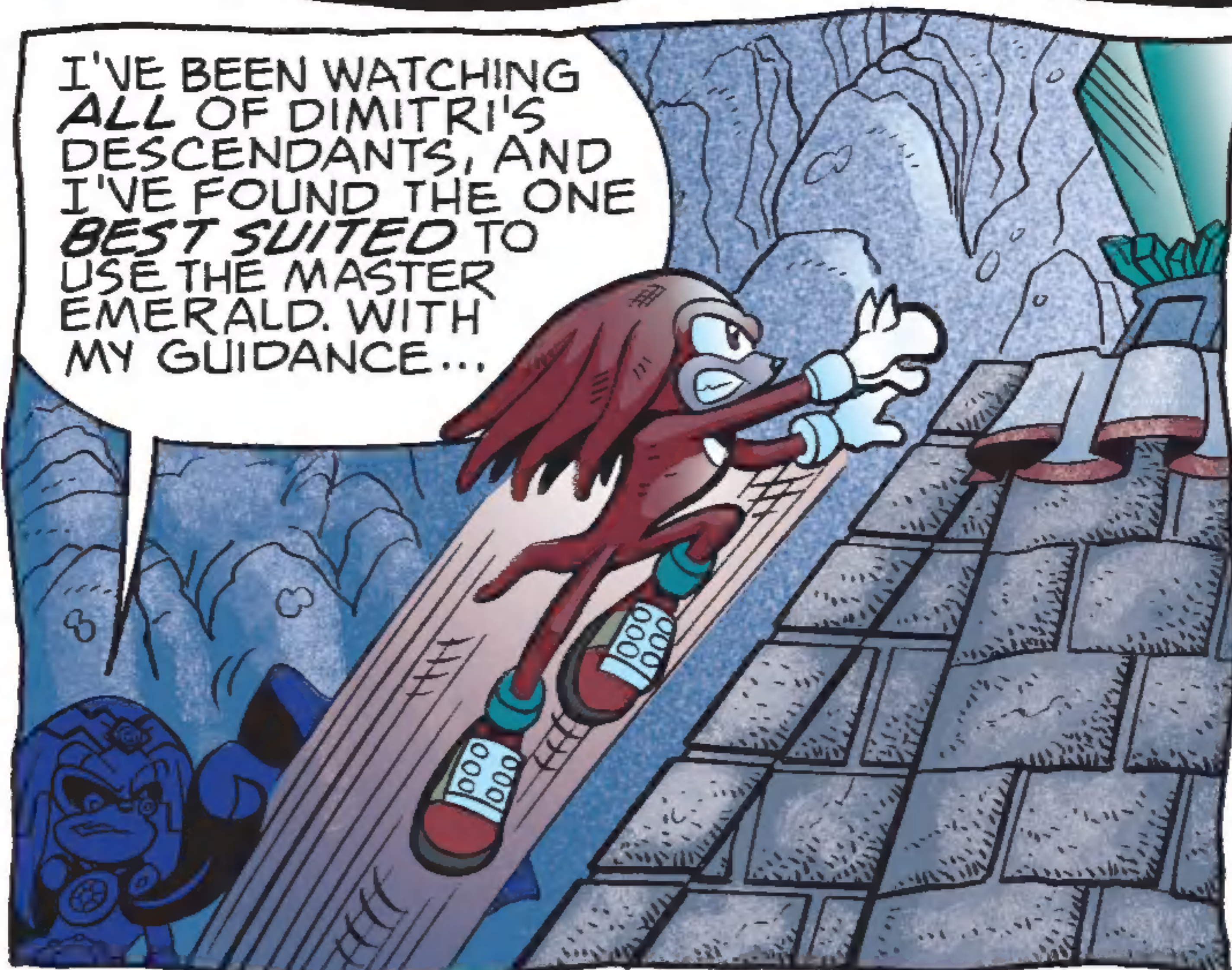
THOUSANDS.

WHICH IS WHY YOU  
MADE ME CALL A  
TRUCE WITH THE FROST  
LEGION, SO YOU COULD  
GIVE US THE POWER TO  
CRUSH DR. EGGMAN.





I'VE BEEN WATCHING ALL OF DIMITRI'S DESCENDANTS, AND I'VE FOUND THE ONE **BEST SUITED** TO USE THE MASTER EMERALD. WITH MY GUIDANCE...



**NO!**



I'LL SET THIS RIGHT! IT'S MY DUTY! MY RESPONSIBILITY!

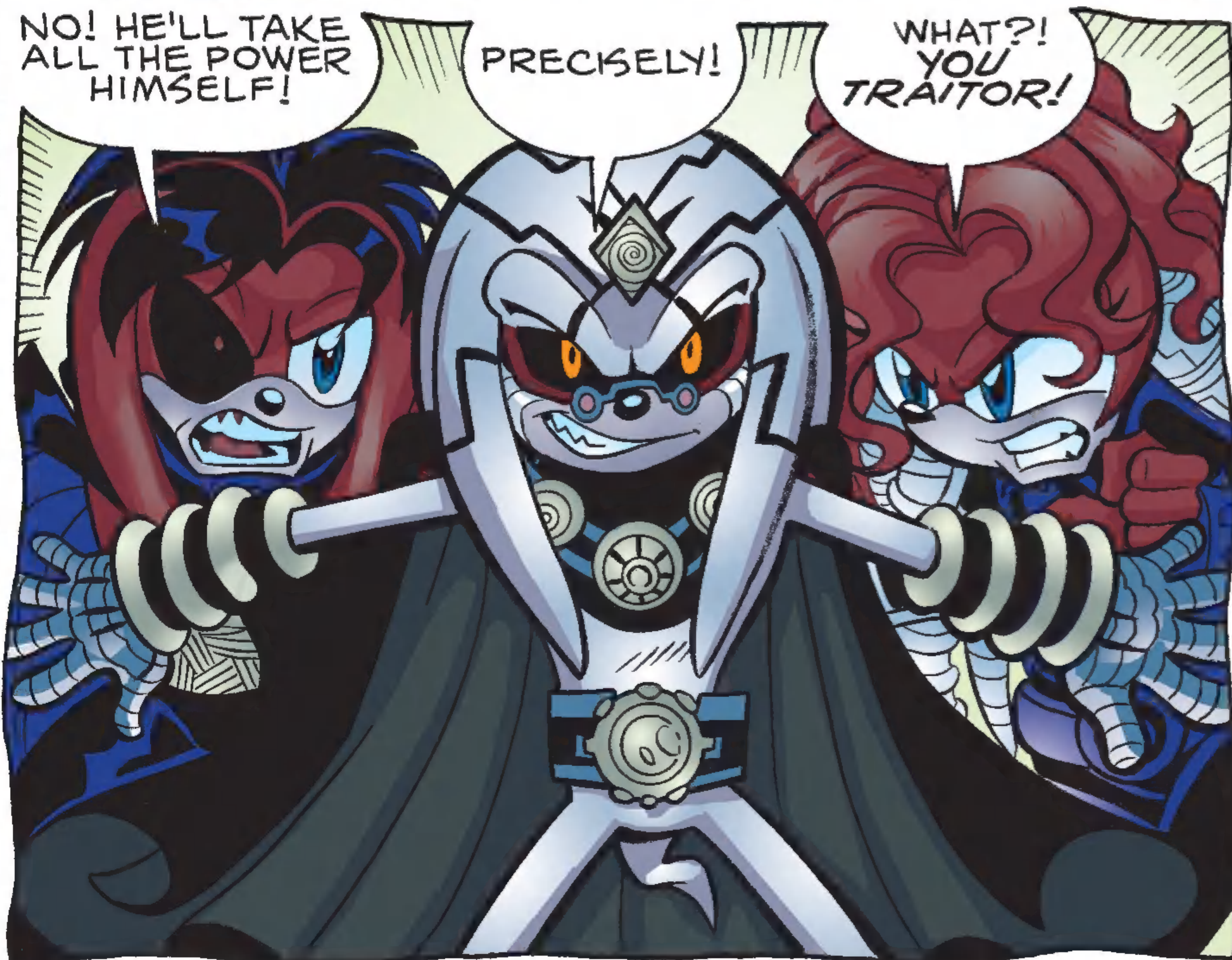
I'LL COMMAND THE POWERS OF THE MASTER EMERALD. I--

**AUGH!**

NO! HE'LL TAKE ALL THE POWER HIMSELF!

PRECISELY!

WHAT?! YOU TRAITOR!



OH, NO... NOT THIS...





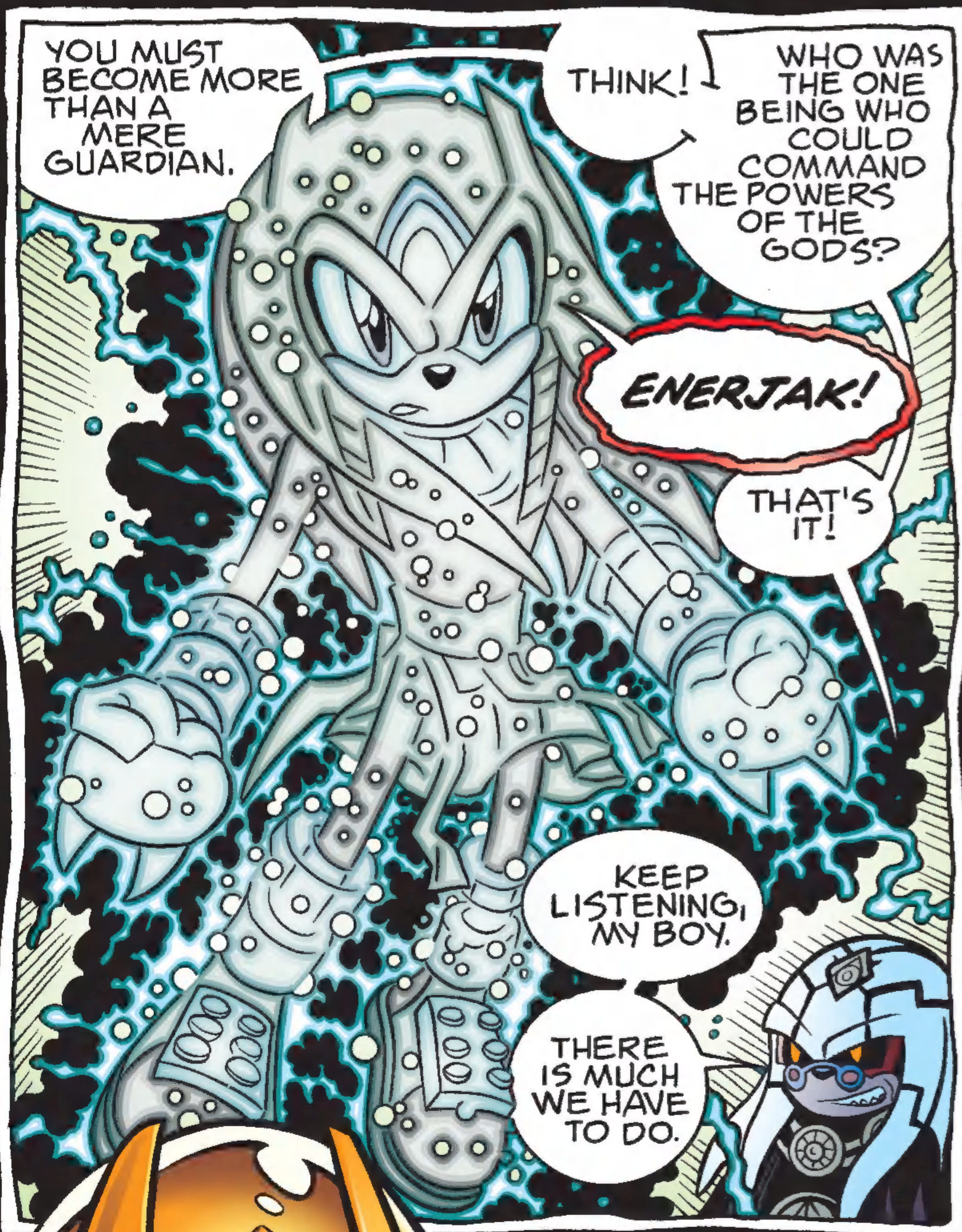
I TRUSTED YOU! I LET YOU INTO THE LEGION! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, YOU PALE--!

KNUCKLES...YOU'VE HAD THIS POWER BEFORE, REMEMBER? BUT DIMITRI TOLD ME HOW YOU COULDN'T CONTROL IT.

YOU ALMOST DESTROYED EVERYTHING. I CAN HELP YOU MOLD THE POWER INTO SOMETHING YOU CAN CONTROL, AND WE'LL SET EVERYTHING RIGHT.

EVERYTHING...RIGHT...

IT'S TOO LATE NOW, LIEN-DA! WE HAVE TO REGROUP!



YOU MUST BECOME MORE THAN A MERE GUARDIAN.

THINK!

WHO WAS THE ONE BEING WHO COULD COMMAND THE POWERS OF THE GODS?

**ENERJAK!**

THAT'S IT!

KEEP LISTENING, MY BOY.

THERE IS MUCH WE HAVE TO DO.

*I TRIED TO REACH OUT TO HIM WITH MY TELEPATHY, BUT HIS MIND WAS SCRAMBLED BY DR. FINITEVUS' HEX. THE TRAP HAD BEEN SPRUNG, AND THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO HELP HIM. AND NOW THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN STOP HIM...*



**Come back next month for  
The origin of Dr. Finitevus!**

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